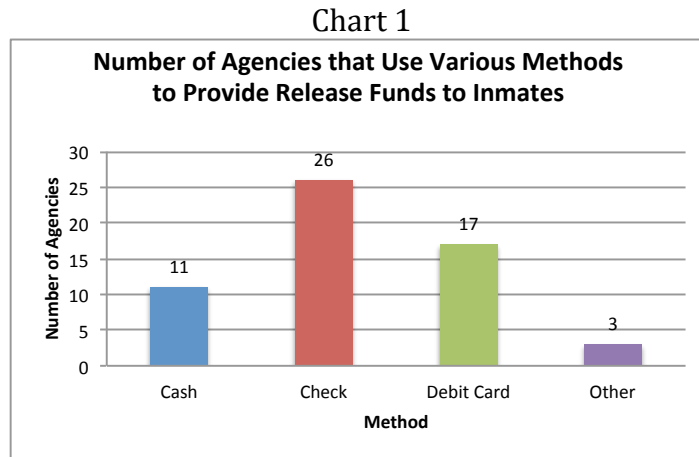


## Use of Debit Card for Inmate Release Funds

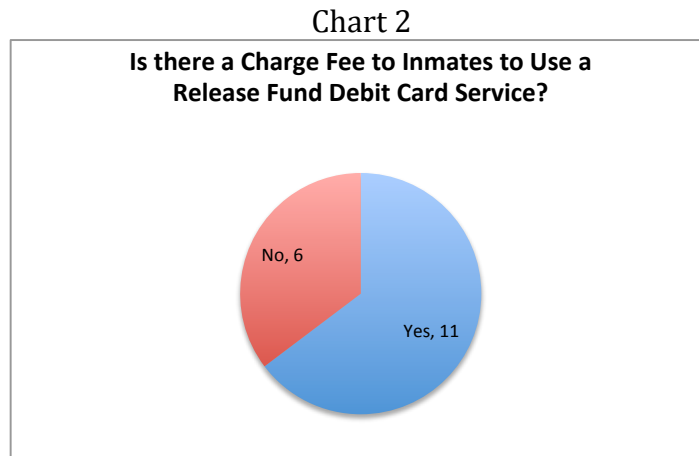
The New Jersey Department of Corrections requested a survey to collect information about other agency's use of debit cards for inmate release funds. Thirty-three agencies responded to the survey.

Chart 1 indicates the method agencies use to provide release funds to inmates.



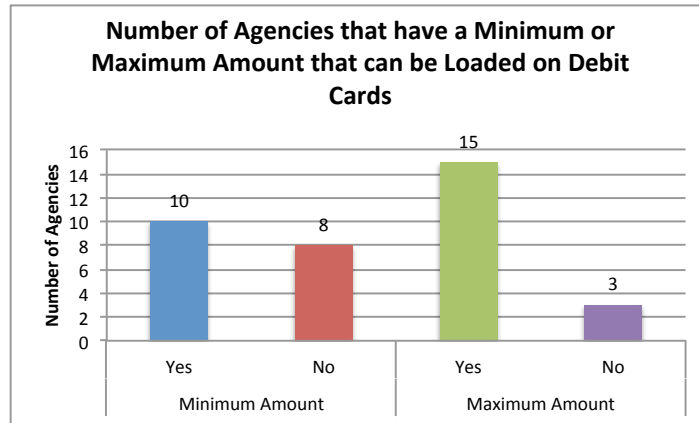
Agencies that use debit cards for inmate release funds were asked to provide the vendor of the card. Ten agencies stated they use JPay, Inc. as the vendor.

The survey asked agencies if there is a fee charged to inmates for the use of debit cards for the release funds. Chart 2 shows the responses.



Agencies that use debit cards were asked if there is a minimum or maximum amount that can be loaded onto the cards. Responses are displayed in Chart 3.

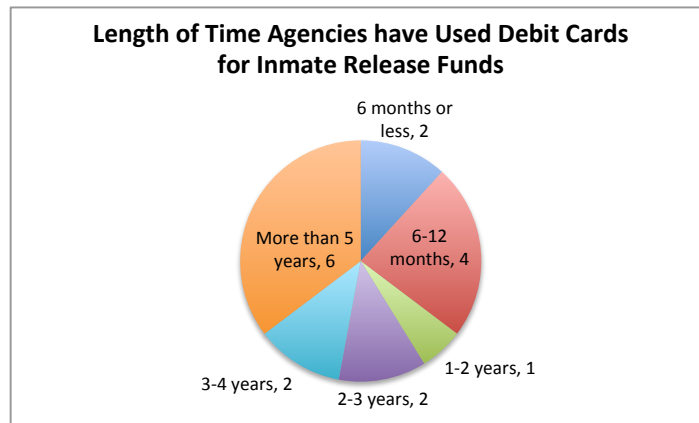
Chart 3



In the comments, three agencies stated that \$25 is the minimum amount that can be loaded. Eight agencies' maximum amounts ranged from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Six agencies said their agency has a written policy for releasing funds through debit cards.

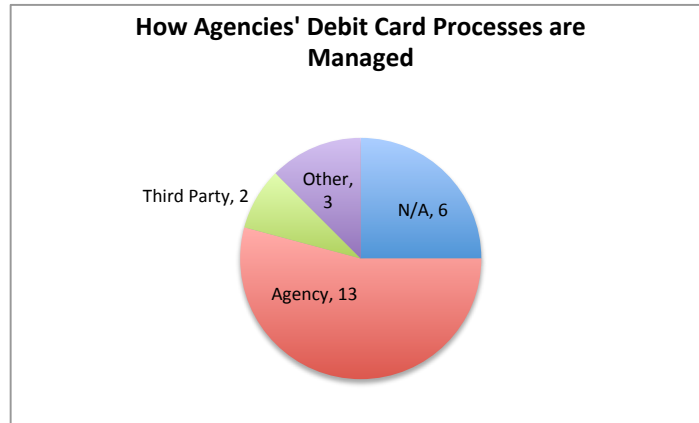
Chart 4 shows the length of time agencies have been using debit cards.

Chart 4



Asked if the agency staff or a third party vendor manages agencies' debit card processes. Chart 5 shows responses.

Chart 5



Eleven agencies stated that there is a fee charged to inmates when using the debit card to get cash from a bank teller. Seven agencies said that there is no fee charged to inmates for this transaction.

Chart 6 shows agencies' inmates must withdraw money using the debit cards.

Chart 6

